Archives - Witholding- from me; conversation with Daniel Schorr 7/8/75

Last week Schorr had an evening TV news item saying that according to a recently declassified Warren Commission document there was a Commission suspicion that Oswald may have been used by the right-wing Cubans.

I immediately thought of the Slawson/Coleman undated memo of 11 pages on Oswald's Foreign Activities. But the content falls short of this. I also wondered if because the TV's need for brevity Schorr had added something from other sources or public knolwedge or belief.

Today I asked him (by phone). It was this document. As he started to describe it and didn't remember the date and names I filled them and the size in and he said that is the one and he used no other sources, that a researcher(his) had obtained it from the Archives.

I told Schorr I had believed this possible but found some of the content missing in mine. He explained that by saying there had been these masked places but that about two weeks ago the Archives had given them to him (his researcher). He believes this was in one of those withheld sections.

From the content it was apparent that some of what had been withheld did not seem to qualify for this as, in fact, the document did not appear to. I had written the Archivist about this and asked for a review.

Under the regulations they should have sent me these pages once they were released to Schorr. Or anyone else. They did not

This is not the first time.

It also had the effect of giving Schorr and exclusive. If I feel he would have had it anyway because he picked the papers up in person if in fact it is not he who was responsible for the declassification, the regulations were again violated and so were my rights.

Today I phoned the Archives to learn the cost of all the 1972-3 declassification. They had not responded to my letter but apparently were making the copies for me. They made no reference to these withheld pages and this was prior to the Schorr conversation.

The number of pages this declassification totals, over 200 and less than 300, seems to be much less than what Paul Hoch said they totalled.